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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PDEV, MOPS, SO, US, ET, SA
SUBJECT: SOMALI REQUEST FOR U.S. ARMS

REF STATE 161221

1. SAG WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY WELCOME ANY MOVE BY USG TO REPLACE
SOVIET CONNECTION WITH SOMALIA.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER HAD OCCASION TO MEET WITH AHMAD SIRAJ,
MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS, JULY 12 TO
DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS. DURING MEETING MFA OFFICIAL NOTED
THAT PRESIDENT SIAD WAS SUE IN JIDDA SAME DAY AND THAT
AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IS HOW TO CONTINUE TO MOVE

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SOMALIA AWAY FROM THE SOVIETS. (FYI: SPECIFIC SOMALI
REQUEST IN REFTEL WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

3. SIRAJ ASKED THAT USG MOVE IN QUICKLY WITH BOTH ECONO-
MIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE BUT EMPHASIZED ECONOMIC AID.
HE ALSO SAID USG WAS IN A POSITION TO ENCOURAGE OTHER
WESTERN POWERS TO PARTICIPATE IN WEANING SOMALI AWAY FROM

THE SOVIETS.

4. ON ANY SPECIFIC ACTION USG COULD TAKE SHORT OF SUPPLY OF REQUESTED ARMS, WE BELIEVE SAG RESPONSE WOULD BE POSITIVE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT SAG WOULD BE PREPARED TO HELP FINANCE MODEST ARMS PURCHASES (ALONG THE LINES OF THE ARMS FOR YEMEN PROGRAM).

5. COMMENT: AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SAG IS GIVING HIGH PRIORITY TO SOMALIA AND WOULD BE GREATLY ENCOURAGED IN THEIR EFFORTS BY ANY VISIBLE PARALLEL MOVES BY USG. WE BELIEVE THAT SAG WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO DISCUSS COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC AID TO SOMALIA WITH USG.
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